



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT DE MINIMIS REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN PROPOSED ADDITIONS TO ARROYO VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: March 5, 2004 to March 19, 2004

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft *de minimis* Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the San Bernardino City Unified School District's (SBCUSD) proposed additions to Arroyo Valley High School, specifically the vacant lot (approximately 185,000 square feet) located just south of Baseline Avenue and west of the athletic fields. This project area is bound by Baseline Avenue to the north, Arroyo Valley High School (parking lot) to the south, Arroyo Valley High School parking lot and athletic fields to the east, and undeveloped land and an electrical utility easement to the west.

An environmental investigation was conducted under DTSC oversight. During the investigation, arsenic was detected in soil samples at several locations at the northern end of the vacant lot in concentrations that may pose a health risk. The draft RAW proposes that approximately 100 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be removed and transported to a permitted offsite disposal facility. DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The NOE states that the project will not have a significant negative effect on the environment because of the relatively small volume, short project duration and controlled manner in which contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken offsite for disposal.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The public has the opportunity to submit comments to DTSC concerning the proposed soil removal action, within fifteen (15) days of this notice. Comments concerning the draft RAW may be submitted in writing by March 19, 2004 to Ms. Laura Zaremba, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW, and other project documents are available at the SBCUSD, Board of Education Building, 777 North "F" Street, San Bernardino, CA 92410 and the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Yvette LaDuke, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2909. SBCUSD Contact: David Stevenson, Facilities Planning Manager, at (909) 381-1238.

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